Chartered Engineer Certificate given by the firm from a reputed firm/international accredition agency alongwith justification/essentiality of imports. Other factors like buy-back arrangements for manufactured products, export performance as well as export potential of the firm etc. are considered in deciding such applications. As such, adequate provisions exist in the EXIM Policy to prevent import of outdated equipment.

Agricultural Export Zones

3094. SHRI R. P. GOENKA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have earmarked areas for Agricultural Export Zones for different products;

(b) the investment anticipated by public and private sectors in these zones;

(c) the estimated exports from different zones; and

(d) whether Government propose to extend the scheme to other areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY) : (a) Yes, Sir. 45 Agri Export Zones (AEZs) for different products are being set up in 19 different States.

(b) Total investment of approximately Rs.1256 crores is envisaged, comprising around Rs. 364 crores from Central Government Agencies, Rs. 197 crores from State Government Agencies and Rs. 694 crores from the private sector.

(c) Based on five years projection for each sanctioned AEZ, the total anticipated value of exports is estimated at around Rs.9700 crores.

(d) Yes, Sir. State Governments' proposals for setting up Agri Export Zones for a product(s) grown in a contiguous area and having export potential, would be considered on merits.

Special zones for promoting export

†3095. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up zones under special names in the country for promoting export:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number and the names of such zones;

(c) the value of the production made by the industrial units operating in these zones in the year 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and in the first nine months of the year 2002-2003; and

(d) the percentage and amount of the said production exported during each year of the above said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY) : (a) and (b) The Government had announced a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) scheme in April 2000. As per the policy, the Central Government is not to set up any new SEZs. The scheme, however, envisages setting up of SEZ in the public, private, joint sectors or by the State Governments. Further, existing Export Processing Zones could also be converted into Special Economic Zones. In accordance with the above policy, 8 Export Processing Zones located at Santa Cruz (Maharashtra), Cochin (Kerala), Kandla and Surat (Gujarat), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), Falta (West Bengal) and Noida (Uttar Pradesh) have been converted into SEZs.

Based on detailed project reports submitted by the State Governments/ private promoters, 3 new SEZs have been granted formal approval. In addition, 'in principle' approval has been granted for setting up of 15 new SEZs.

(c) and (d) Value of production made by the units in the SEZs, percentage and amount of production exported in the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and in the first nine months in the year 2002-2003 are :

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Value of Production	Amount of production exported	Percentage of production exported
2000-2001	8677.14	8552.30	98.56
2001-2002	9434.10	9189.55	97.40
2002-2003 (April-Dec. 2002)	7787.44	7548.33	96.99